

Remarks

Claim Amendment

Applicants have amended claim 108 to correct an inadvertent editing error in the previous Response to Office Action. This change does not add new matter, but rather puts the claim in proper form by inserting the words “producing step comprises producing a thioredoxin polypeptide” so that the claim conforms to the language of the other dependent claims. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

Cancellation of Claims

Claims 1, 69-95, and 111-116 are canceled herein. Applicants cancel these claims without prejudice or disclaimer, and expressly reserve the right to prosecute canceled claims and claims based on the subject matter of canceled claims in other applications, including continuation applications and divisional applications.

Rejections Under 35 USC §112

Claims 1 and 69-95 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants disagree that claims 1 and 69-95 contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in a way that reasonably conveys to one skilled in the art that the inventors had possession of the claimed invention. While not acquiescing to the rejection of these claims, Applicants have canceled claims 1 and 69-95 to expedite issuance of allowed claims of the application, reserving the right to prosecute these claims or claims based on the same subject matter in further applications. The rejection is thus rendered moot, and Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1 and 69-95 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 69, 70, 86-90, 94, 95, and 111-116 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants do not agree

that claims 69, 70, 86-90, 94, 95, and 111-116 are indefinite. Nevertheless, to expedite issuance of allowed claims, and not in acquiescence to the rejection, Applicants have canceled claims 69, 70, 86-90, 94, 95, and 111-116 without prejudice or disclaimer, expressly reserving the right to prosecute these and other claims based on the same subject matter in other applications. The rejection of claims 69, 70, 86-90, 94, 95, and 111-116 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph is thus rendered moot, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 71-73, 75, 86, and 91-93 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(a) as allegedly anticipated by Asermely et al. (J. Chromatography, 695: 67-75 (1997)). Applicants disagree that this reference anticipates the claims. Nevertheless, solely to expedite issuance of allowed claims and not in acquiescence to the rejection, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 71-73, 75, 86, and 91-93 without prejudice or disclaimer, expressly reserving the right to prosecute these claims, or claims based on the same subject matter, in other applications. The rejection of claims 1, 71-73, 75, 86, and 91-93 under 35 USC §102(a) is thus rendered moot, and Applicants respectfully request that it be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections Under Nonstatutory Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 87, 88, 111, and 112 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type Double Patenting. To expedite issuance of allowed claims, and not in acquiescence to the rejection, Applicants have canceled claims 87, 88, 111, and 112, reserving the right to prosecute these claims and claims based on the same subject matter in other applications. The rejection of claims 88, 111, and 112 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type Double Patenting is therefore rendered moot, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Allowance of Claims 96-110

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 96-100 and thank the Examiner from her remarks stating that the claimed methods are free of the prior art, and also that the claimed method are nonobvious.

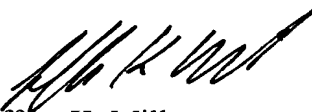
Conclusion

With respect to all amendments canceling claims, Applicants have not acquiesced in any rejections or objections, reserving the right to pursue canceled claims, or claims based on the same or similar subject matter, in further applications, such as continuation or divisional applications.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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